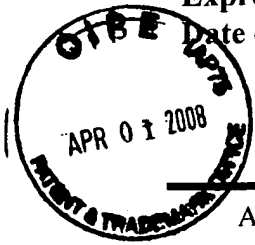


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RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

In response to the non-final Office Action mailed on December 11, 2007 and relating to the above-referenced application, Applicants respectfully request entry and consideration of this Response under 37 C.F.R. §1.111. A petition for a one-month extension of time and the relevant fee accompanies this Response. With this extension, this Response is considered to be timely filed on or before April 11, 2008.

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